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Thank you, Mr. Chairman for allowing me to testify in favor of SB 76.

We all know that Wisconsin's own SeniorCare is a very popular and cost efficient program supplying reasonably priced medications for well over one hundred thousand of our lower income residents.

Enactment of SB 76 will open up the program to over 11,000 new recipients and improve the benefits for over 5,000 current participants. These are the citizens of Wisconsin in most need of our assistance.

As I look around this meeting room, I venture a guess that many of us serving in this capitol building will never be in need of this program, or other programs we enact. Yet, we benefit from seeing how it helps so many of the people we know, including loved ones, who participate in the program. Almost every day I come in contact with many of the recipients of SeniorCare. Their gratitude that our state is doing something right for the elderly is voiced repeatedly.

This is an opportunity to improve on an already great program and I encourage you to give positive consideration to this bill.